Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What I mean to say is there is no necessity to continue these special grants for these two institutions referred to.

President.—The point is why do you allow this concession? They are, of course, bound to come here. If they do not come here, we are not responsible.

Mr. C. Matthai.—It is only a week now, since we have given permission for non-caste Hindus to come and stay in the Hostel. We must give them sufficient time. Is a week sufficient time?

President.—Now, we cannot save the expenditure.

Mr. C. Matthai.—We have it in mind.

The Y. W. C. A. Hostel at Kunnamkulam.

85. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many girls studying in the Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam, live in the Y. W. C. A. Hostel;

(b) whether there is a hostel building owned by the Y. W. C. A., and if not, whether it is in a rented building that the present hostel is conducted;

(c) that, in view of the number of girls living in the Y. W. C. A. Hostel is steadily increasing year by year, it is not advisable to have a permanent building for running the hostel;

(d) whether the Y. W. C. A. authorities have agreed to construct a permanent building for running the hostel; and if so,

(e) whether the Government will soon facilitate the construction of a permanent building for the hostel?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Seventeen girls, according to the last report.

(b) The hostel is at present conducted in a rented building.

(c) The present rented building is quite satisfactory.

(d) and (e). A free grant of Rs. 500 was made to the institution by the Government towards the acquisition of a site for the hostel. Subsequently, the Y. W. C. A. authorities asked for a building grant. No further grant could be sanctioned for want of funds.

86. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the grant given to the Y. W. C. A. Hostel, when there were only 11 boarders in the hostel last year;

(b) whether any request was received by the Government, when the number of girls increased to 17 or 18, for increasing the grant;

(c) whether the grant was increased as requested;

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(d) whether a grant exceeding Rs. 15 was not given in the Y. M. C. A. Hostel for boys when in their hostel there were only 17 or 18 boarders; and if so,

(e) whether it is the policy of Government to give more grant to boys' hostels than that given to girls' hostels;

(f) whether a list containing the number of boarders in the aided hostels in the State in the last three years and the grant given to them per mensem during the period will be laid on the table;

(g) whether the Diwan received any petition for increasing the grant of the Y. W. C. A. from Rs. 15, and if so, will that petition together with the final orders passed thereon be placed on the table?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Rs. 15 per mensem.

(b) Yes, when the strength rose to 17.

(c) The grant was raised and fixed at Rs. 1—4—0 per mensem per boarder.

(d) Yes.

(e) No.

(f) A statement is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

(g) Yes. Copies of the petition in question and the final orders passed on it are placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

The staff of the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.

87. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names of Professors, Assistant Professors, Lecturers or Tutors, (1) newly entertained in or (2) promoted from the State service, on the staff of the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, in June 1925;

(b) the grade of the pay, the special terms of service, if any, with regard to the period of service or to the rate of pension of each of these, and the reasons, if any, for offering the special terms;

(c) in the case of those promoted, whether the claims of those already in service were overlooked in any case; if so, why; whether promotion was made to suit the requirements of each branch of study; whether those promoted were in touch with their respective subjects; if not, why was promotion given, and what was the work which each of them was doing;

(d) whether any member of the new staff had applied for appointment in the State service in 1922 or on any other occasion; if so, what was the report, official or demi-official, of the Director of Public Instruction about the particular applicant then;

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